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Appointment of District Munsifs.

* 2040 *Q.*—SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the rules regarding reservation to Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in services were observed in the matter of appointment of District Munsifs from candidates selected from service personnel in 1954; and

(*b*) if not, why?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER :—" May I know the total number of persons recruited and appointed from backward classes? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Fifty candidates were selected and 13 members of the backward classes were found eligible and they have been selected."

Purchase of cameras by the Block Development Officers.

* 2041 *Q.*—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Block Development Officers are authorized to purchase camera from the National Extension Service Scheme funds;

(*b*) if so, the number of cameras purchased and for what use; and

(*c*) whether the Block Development Officers, Tiruvallur and Kadambattur, Chingleput district, have purchased cameras and if so, their cost?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Sixteen cameras were purchased by the Block Development Officers for taking photographs for publicity purposes from out of the funds placed at the disposal of the Collectors for Discretionary Grants under the old Rural Welfare schemes. Some have also been purchased from the funds allotted under ' Social Education ' in the National Extension Service Schemes.

" (*c*) The Block Development Officers, Tiruvallur and Kadambathur, Chingleput district, have purchased one camera each at a cost of Rs. 400 and Rs. 209, respectively for use in their blocks."

SRI M. DHARMALINGAM :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister when one Block Development Officer has purchased the camera at a cost of Rs. 200 and odd, what was the necessity for

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the other Development Officer to purchase a camera at a cost of Rs. 400? May I also know whether these cameras are for use for the purposes for which they were purchased?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" These cameras should have been purchased with the due approval of the Collector. I am not in a position to explain why there was difference in the cost of these cameras."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" ஸார், இந்தக் காமிரா வாங்கி படம் பிடிப்பதற்கும் படங்களைத் தயாரிப்பதற்கும் செலவு செய்கிறார்களே அந்தச் செலவு எந்த இனத்திலிருந்து செலவு செய்யப்படுகிறது என்பதை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" இதைப்பற்றி ஆங்கிலத்தில் நான் பதில் சொன்னேன். ரூரல் வெல்பேர் தேசீய விஸ்தரிப்பு திட்டத்துக்கான செலவுகளிலிருந்து செலவு செய்யப்படும் என்று சொல்லியிருக்கிறேன். இவைகள் கலெக்டருடைய டிஸ்கிரிஷனரி கிராண்டிலிருந்து செலவு செய்யப்படுகிறது."

Drinking water wells.

* 2042 Q.—SRI M. KATTIMUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have provided the following villages with wells for drinking purposes :—

(1) Kandiankuppam, (2) Kanathukandan, (3) Chinnappandaramkuppam, (4) Katcharyanthan, (5) Kottari, (6) Muthanai, (7) Maduravirathikuppam and (8) Eruppu; and

(b) if so, when have the Government dug wells?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) & (b) Borewells have been sunk in Kandiankuppam and Mudanai villages only. They were taken up in 1954–55 and are in progress."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" In the current year, how many wells are proposed to be dug in Villupuram taluk?"

MR. SPEAKER :—" What has that to do with the main question? If the Hon. Minister is prepared to answer I have no objection."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" It is a general question, Sir."

MR. SPEAKER :—" That is why I do not know whether the Hon. Minister will be able to answer it."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Notice, Sir."

Destruction of crops by insects and pests.

* 2043 Q.—
MR. SPEAKER :—" As the hon. Member Sri K. G. Muniswami Gounder is not in his place, the answer together with the question will be printed in the proceedings."